Ex-reflnery and selling price of petroleum products

†3194. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the ex-refinery price and consumer selling price of petrol, diesel, kerosene, LPG and naphtha in the country;

(b) if so, what were these prices on 1st April, 2002; and

(c) the reasons ior such a huge difference in both the prices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) With the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism effective 1st April, 2002, the Government no longer fixes the refinery gate prices of petroleum products. The difference between the consumer selling price and ex-refinery price is on account of freight, duties, taxes, levies, marketing margin, etc.

Exploration of oil and gas

†3195. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of production from the already-explored oil and natural gas reserves in our country has not been started so far;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of production being made from these reserves at present; and

(c) the reasons for not starting production from all these reserves so far?

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